



Save the Melons

Here's one for those of you who think wearing bicycle helmets is overkill. While riding his bicycle to work, one of our web visitors was in an accident. Turning onto a street (*pow*) he was hit dead-on by a moped. Gravity being the way it is, he flipped through the air and landed (*umph*) on his shoulder, then (*boing*) his head, followed by (*ka-thunk*) the rest of his body.

As you can see, our hero's investment of thirty dollars for a helmet and ten seconds of time to put it on really paid off. It was the helmet, and not his melon, that got cracked. In fact, the only injury was a sore shoulder. The moped driver also walked away uninjured because, yep, he was wearing a helmet, too.

Our survivor's final remarks say it all: "I am convinced that if I hadn't been wearing the helmet, the government would be buying me at ticket back to the states in the cargo hold of an aircraft." Well said, and I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say I'm glad you "missed your flight."

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